

REMARKS

Claims 4-7 and 9 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 4 and 7 are independent. This Amendment cancels claims 10-12, 17-20, 23, 25, and 26.

Page 1 of the Final Office Action dated November 23, 2004 states that claims 4-7 and 9 are rejected. As discussed by telephone with Examiner Huisman on January 18, 2005, no rejections are cited against these claims, which were allowed in the previous Office Action dated July, 9, 2004. By telephone, the Examiner indicated that the rejection might be an oversight, and asked applicant's undersigned representative to include this reminder. Applicant wishes to point out that if claims 4-7 and 9 were rejected, the Action should have been non-final.

To expedite prosecution, Applicant has cancelled all rejected claims. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the rejected claims in a continuation application.

If the Examiner decides to reopen prosecution, Applicant respectfully requests that cancelled claims 10-12, 17-20, 23, 25, and 26 be reinstated by Examiner's Amendment.

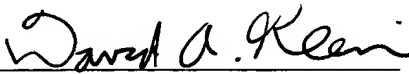
In view of the above, immediate allowance of Application No. 09/598,713, including claims 4-7 and 9, is believed to be in order, and such action is hereby solicited.

Applicant authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fees determined to be due with the exception of the issue fee and to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4209 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

Respectfully submitted,
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